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Public Notice of Pending Ordinance 25-05

The ordinance published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, on March 4, 2025. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held at the Borough of Matawan, Matawan Municipal Community Center, 201 Broad Street, Matawan, New Jersey 07747 on March 18, 2025 at 7:00 o'clock PM. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same or on the Borough of Matawan website at www.matawanborough.com.

Karen Wynne, RMC
Municipal Clerk

ORDINANCE 25-05

AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MATAWAN

CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION

SECTION 2-63.3 – MATAWAN BOROUGH

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

COST OF LIVING

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(f) permits a municipality to establish a length of service award program for the active volunteer members of the emergency service organizations operating under the municipality's jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Matawan (the "Borough") established a Length of Service Award Program for volunteer firefighters under § 2-63 "Length of Service Awards Program for Volunteer Firefighters (LOSAP)"; and

WHEREAS, § 2-63.3 "Matawan Borough Volunteer Fire Department" provides the maximum and minimum "Cost of Living" contributions which may be subject to periodic increases; and

WHEREAS, the enabling referendum provided that the maximum contribution amount may be subject to periodic increases that are tied to the consumer price index as annually certified by the Division; and

WHEREAS, the Borough desires to amend § 2-63.3 “Matawan Borough Volunteer Fire Department” to provide automatic cost of living increases pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185(f).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Matawan, Monmouth County, New Jersey, hereby amend and supplement the Code of the Borough of Matawan Chapter 2 – Administration as follows:

Deletions are indicated by strikethroughs
Additions are indicated in **bold underline**
Language that remains unchanged is not highlighted in any way

§ 2-63.3 Matawan Borough Volunteer Fire Department – Cost of Living

If an active volunteer member meets the year of active service requirement, a LOSAP must provide a benefit between the minimum contribution of \$100.00 and a maximum contribution of \$1,150.00. While the maximum amount is set by statute, **the maximum annual contribution may be increased, without public hearing or public question, in an amount as calculated by the Division and tied to the consumer price index provided such increased contribution does not exceed a number calculated by multiplying the original contribution as approved by public question by the consumer price index factor.** ~~once a~~ LOSAP is adopted, if authorized by the enabling referendum it is subject to ~~periodic increases that are tied to the consumer price index~~ (N.J.S.A. 40A:14-185f). The Division annually certifies the permitted maximum amount.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan that any Ordinances or portions thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflicts.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application of such provision this Ordinance to any person or circumstances is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or applications of this Ordinance which can be give effect, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Governing Body of the Borough of Matawan that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and adoption according to law.